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All,

Earlier today I had communicated formulating a press release with all parties to be distributed by each agency/company. At this point in time the Departments preference is to develop a Fact Sheet which will answer most of the questions we have been receiving and have contact information for the agencies involved if the media or general public is looking for more information. I feel that this approach will answer the simple questions and funnel the other ones to designated individuals and not all of the municipalities. My goal is to work with our community relations coordinator tomorrow morning to develop that sheet for dissemination in the afternoon. At a minimum it will address the discoloration in the water, the fish kill, impacts to private wells and the recommendations to avoid using the water for recreation and or fishing. If there are other issues you know of off the top of your head please let me know. For the short term I would like to provide the following 'bullet points' which I believe you can use to answer residents or media inquires

- 1) Due to the runoff from the fire at Miller Chemical and Fertilizer the water in Slagel's Run and the Conewago Creek will be discolored, this is to be expected. Additionally excess foam and distressed or dead fish are also expected. The primary cause of the fish kill is from low dissolved oxygen and/or ammonia compounds which were in the fertilizers.
- 2) The waterways will continue to be impacted until the source of the material can be eliminated. Ideally crews will be able to stop the runoff from entering Slagel Creek by Friday June 12th and hopefully earlier. (this is mostly a FYI and not for public dissemination) At this point in time we don't know how long it will last until we see the results of the work done by the contractors overnight.
- 3) Citizens who have wells constructed with proper casing and who are not drawing water from the Conewago should not expect any impacts to their wells. If they start to see their water becomes discolored to a shade pink, red or purple they should contact the Department. As of now we are having them contact the regional number at 717-705-4700 however that may change depending on the duration of the incident.
- 4) Citizens should refrain from recreating and fishing in any part of Slagel's Run or the Conewago if it appears discolored.

If anyone has anything further, or would like to see something included in the fact sheet please

let me know.

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